

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION

DEBBIE HILL

PLAINTIFF

v.

Civil Case No. 4:07CV1114 HLJ

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner,
Social Security Administration

DEFENDANT

ORDER

On March 24, 2009, the court entered an Order and Judgment reversing the decision of the Commissioner and remanding the case for further proceedings. Plaintiff has filed a motion for attorney's fees and expenses pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. She seeks compensation for 0.50 hours of work performed by her attorney in 2007 at a rate of \$167.00 per hour, for 13.60 hours of work performed by her attorney in 2008 and 2009 at a rate of \$175.00 per hour, 4.35 hours of work performed by a paralegal at a rate of \$75.00 per hour, and for expenses in the amount of \$16.14. The Commissioner does not object to the number of hours or the hourly rates submitted by Plaintiff, or to the amount of expenses.

The \$167.00 per hour rate requested for work performed in 2007, and the \$175.00 per hour rate requested for work performed in 2008 and 2009 represent an agreement between Plaintiff's counsel and the Office of the General Counsel of the Social Security Administration to calculate attorneys' fees on an annualized basis, using the Consumer Price

Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Accordingly, the court grants Plaintiff compensation for 0.50 hours of work at \$167.00 per hour, for 13.60 hours of work at \$175.00 per hour and for 4.35 hours of work at \$75.00 per hour for a total of \$2789.75. The court also grants Plaintiff's request for expenses in the amount of \$16.14.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees in the amount of \$2789.75, together with expenses in the amount of \$16.14, for a total of \$2805.89, pursuant to EAJA. The Commissioner is directed to certify said award and pay Plaintiff's attorney in this amount.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2009.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE